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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6155

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TAGS: CDES, JM (THORNBURG, ROBERT P.)

SUBJECT: PREPARATION OF FS 192 (PRESUMPTIVE)

REFERENCE KINGSTON 3224 AND 7 FAM 441.5

1. IN A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 24, 1974 THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE JAMAICA CONSTABULARY THAT THE CORONER'S INQUEST CONCERNING THE PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN ADJOURNED SINE DIE BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF THE WITNESSES FROM JAMAICA.

2. THE LETTER REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY ADVISE WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERTAKE TO PAY THE COST OF RETURNING THE WITNESSES TO JAMAICA AT AN APPOINTED DATE. IF AFFIRMATIVE, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE WITNESSES, BOTH OF WHOM ARE EVIDENTLY UNITED STATES CITIZENS, WILL THEN BE FURNISHED

3. IT IS APPARENT THAT NO DEFINITIVE DECISION IS TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES IN THIS MATTER.

4. AT THIS JUNCTURE, THE ONLY BASIS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PRESUMPTIVE DEATH CERTIFICATE APPEARS TO BE THE AFFIDAVIT OF MR. KENNETH A. BEEHNER, JR., NOTARIZED AT KUTZTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ON FEBRUARY 21, 1974. THE GIST OF THIS STATEMENT IS THAT THE SUBJECT, FOLLOWING SOME HEAVY DRINKING, APPARENTLY WENT SWIMMING AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN. THE AFFIANT HIMSELF STATES HE "PASSED OUT" ON THE BEACH IMMEDIATELY AFTER DECLINING THE SUBJECT'S INVITATION TO JOIN HIM IN A SWIM. EVIDENTLY NO ONE CLAIMS TO

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HAVE ACTUALLY SEEN THE SUBJECT IN THE WATER.

5. THE REFERENCED REGULATION REFERS TO "EVIDENCE THAT A U.S. CITIZEN IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD" IN ORDER TO PREPARE A PRESUMPTIVE FS-192. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH EVIDENCE IS OR WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THIS MATTER. GERARD

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